

Urgent Business Committee

ABERDEEN, 21 October 2022. Minute of Meeting of the URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Yuill, Convener; Councillor Nicoll, Vice-Convener; and Councillors Graham (as substitute for Councillor Grant), Greig, Macdonald, Massey (as substitute for Councillor Houghton) and McLellan (as substitute for Councillor Radley).

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DETERMINATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

1. In terms of Section 1.3 of the Committee Remit and in accordance with Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Committee was informed that it had to determine (1) that the item on the agenda was of an urgent nature; and (2) that the Committee required to consider the item and take decisions thereon.

Councillor Macdonald made reference to an email received from Aberdeen Trades Union Council in relation to a street procession. In response, the Convener advised that the item was not deemed to be of an urgent nature and would not be considered as part of the agenda today but would be considered by the Licensing Committee in due course.

The Committee resolved:-

to agree that the report on the 'Event Proposal' was of an urgent nature and required to be considered this day to enable members to consider the matters at the earliest opportunity.

DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

2. The Committee were requested to determine that item 4.1 on the agenda (Event Proposal), be considered in private.

The Committee resolved:-

in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of item 4.1 (Event Proposal), so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in paragraphs 6, 8, 9 and 10 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

3. Members were requested to intimate any declarations of interest in respect of the item on the agenda.

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The Committee resolved:-

to note that no declarations of interest were intimated.

EVENT PROPOSAL - COM/22/251

4. The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Commissioning which provided an update on the discussions that have been taking place in relation to a bid for Aberdeen to host the Tall Ships Races 2025 and sought approval for the submission of such a bid to Sail Training International (STI).

The report recommended:-

that the Committee –

- (a) note the financial implications of hosting the event described in Section 4 of this report; and
- (b) instruct the Chief Officer - City Growth to submit a bid to host the event by 31 October 2022;

And, if the outcome of the bid is successful:-

- (c) approve that up to two officers should attend the Sail Training International (STI) Annual Conference in Gran Canaria on 19 November 2022 and approves the travel and accommodation costs in this respect;
 - (d) instruct the Head of Commercial and Procurement, following consultation with the Chief Officer - City Growth, Chief Officer – Finance and Chief Officer - Governance, and the Convener and Vice Convener of the Council's Finance and Resources Committee to:-
 - (1) negotiate and conclude all agreements with STI [and other agreements referred to within the report];
 - (2) approve any related procurements (where appropriate) including approval of expenditure; and
 - (3) conclude any other agreements which he may consider to be necessary or desirable in connection with the event;
- [subject to the details outlined within the report]:-
- (e) instruct the Chief Officer – City Growth to support the implementation of the proposed governance required to oversee and facilitate the development of the event, contract negotiations with STI and the delivery of the event in 2025; and
 - (f) appoint an elected member to be the Council's representative on the Local Organising Committee for the event.

The Convener, seconded by the Vice Convener moved:-

that the Committee approve the recommendations contained within the report and to appoint Councillor Martin Greig as the Council's representative on the Local Organising Committee for the event.

Councillor Macdonald, seconded by Councillor Graham moved as an amendment:-

that the Committee (1) approve the recommendations contained within the report; and (2) recognises the opportunities provided by the visit of the Tall Ships to open

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up the North Harbour to citizens and visitors as a place for leisure and tourism as well as business and employment and instructs Chief Officer - City Growth to explore those opportunities with the Port of Aberdeen and other interested parties.

On a division, there voted:- for the motion (5) – the Convener, the Vice Convener and Councillors Greig, Massey and McLellan; for the amendment (2) – Councillors Graham and Macdonald.

The Committee resolved:-

to adopt the motion.

- **COUNCILLOR IAN YUILL, Convener.**